

DEATH WRESTS AGED  
MAN FROM SING SINGNearly Half Century of Prison Life Left Him Without  
Loved Ones, and He Declined Parole.

Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 8.—William Weeks, one of the oldest inmates of a penal institution in the State of New York, was found dead in his cell at Sing Sing prison today. For the past few days he had been under treatment but refused to go to the hospital.

Weeks was eighty-three years old, and had spent forty-seven of them in Clinton, Auburn, and Sing Sing prisons. He was committed to Sing Sing in March, 1873, for burglary. Soon after he was tried for murder in connection with the burglary, and he began serving a life term on April 20, 1880.

Under the law he was entitled to release by parole last June, but refused to accept it, preferring to remain in the prison, as all of his relatives were dead. He was an exemplary prisoner. Governor Sillcock said that death had been caused by apoplexy.

## GAVEL ODD RELIC.

Historic Society Rapped to Order  
with L'Enfant Cedar Piece.

The 114th meeting of the Columbia Historical Society was called to order last night in the Shoreham Hotel by Dr. J. D. Moran with a gavel made from the cedar that stood at the head of the grave of L'Enfant at his final resting place.

When he who laid out artistic Washington was laid at rest a cedar was planted at his grave, and when the body was removed the tree was uprooted. From its roots Dr. Moran had the gavel made, on which is engraved "L'Enfant, 1755-1825." The society had it capped with silver and these words engraved: "Presented to the Columbia Historical Society by its president, James Dudley Moran, November 9, 1909."

"Capt. William Mayne Duncan" was the subject of a paper read by Allen C. Clark, who praised the Englishman as one who had done much to develop early Washington.

Miss Mildred Johnston presented the society with fifty books on historical subjects. Rooms have been engaged in the Pacific Building, where a library will be opened.

Mrs. C. A. Sheldon made the society a present of a hand-painted view of Hudson River, a section which has historical associations.

COUNTERFEIT BILLS  
FOUND IN ASHESDiscolored Envelope Contains  
Thirty-eight Notes.

CAPTURED IN A RAID IN 1903

Director Ralph, of Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Notices Chief Wilkie, Who Immediately Recognizes Spurious Certificates. Notes Ordered Destroyed.

While excavating on the government grounds near the old bathing beach, Francis Kuhnt, 322 Eighth street southeast, a foreman in the division of public buildings and grounds, War Department, Monday forenoon uncovered in an ash heap a stained, water-soaked, and discolored manila envelope containing thirty-eight counterfeit one dollar silver certificates.

He showed the envelope to a friend, Anthony A. Sousa, a clerk in the Department of Agriculture, who resides at 617 G street southeast. Sousa at once notified Joseph E. Ralph, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

The notes were carried to Mr. Ralph at a late hour Monday night. Believing them to be proofs from counterfeit plates, that in some manner had not been destroyed, he notified Chief John F. Wilkie, of the United States Secret Service. The notes were immediately recognized by Chief Wilkie as counterfeits taken in a raid on a den in Pittsburgh more than six years ago.

Known as "Flash Notes."

He characterized this spurious money as "flash notes," a term used to identify the poorer imitations of gold and silver certificates. The term is derived from the scheme originated in the last decade of placing advertising matter on the back of a paper representing money. When the similarity of these "flash notes" to genuine money became dangerous, the notes are seizable.

A search into the records of the Secret Service shows the notes found Monday were taken from a house in Pittsburgh in December, 1903. The place was occupied by a gang of counterfeiters, of which the notorious Alfred Sator and his companion, James D. Hutchinson, were the leaders. At the time of the raid the house was empty, the entire gang being engaged in circulating the certificates.

In addition to the dies and other paraphernalia, W. P. Walsh, the Secret Service man who conducted the raid, collected the notes and marked them with his initials and the date. Sator and Hutchinson were caught, the latter on returning to the house four days later. Sator was captured in New York a week after the raid.

Notes Ordered Destroyed.

After their conviction, a description of the notes was entered in an inventory and the notes mailed to the Treasury Department to be destroyed.

They were stored for some months in a vault in the Treasury, and were then sorted out, with other contraband property, for destruction. The bills which are in any way dangerous are put in the maelstrom, while the "flash notes" are burned.

One of the packages evidently dropped into an ash pit while they were being dumped into the furnace, were covered up unnoticed, and carted away. The notes have again been placed in the Treasury vault, and will be burned within the next two months.

Monticore Cottage Burned.

Fire of unknown origin burned the cottage on the estate of R. L. C. Monticore at East Falls Church, Va., last night and partially destroyed the barn on the adjoining farm owned by J. S. Garrison. The loss is estimated at \$700.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Unsettled weather, with rain, to-day; to-morrow, partly cloudy and colder; moderate southerly winds.

## HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Pages.  
1—Reception to Army and Navy.  
Seventy Below at Nome.  
Quinine as an Anaesthetic.  
Nations Race to South Pole.  
Counterfeit Bills Found.  
2—Food Prices Still Rising.  
3—Peary Gives \$10,000 to Fund.  
Taft to Welcome Roosevelt.  
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4—Alldis Faces Bribe Charges.  
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5—News of Society.  
"Cinderella" Is Produced.  
6—Editorial.  
7—The World of Women.  
8—Sporting News and Gossip.  
9—Style Show Well Attended.  
News of the Theaters.  
11—Financial and Markets.  
12—Burkett Scores Local Schools.  
New Choirmaster Coming.

PRESIDENT HOST  
TO ARMY AND NAVYWinter's Social Season Ends  
in Blaze of Glory.

## YEAR'S BIG RECEPTION

King Winter's social season went out in a blaze of glory last night with a White House reception of unprecedented interest and brilliancy—not because of the beauty and grandeur of the women and the gowns, but because of the brains and uniforms of the men.

It was the army and navy reception. The men who have helped to win two wars on land and sea were as much in evidence as the young officers whose chief experience has been in the drawing-rooms. This was the largest of the season's receptions, and the sturdy material of the guests was shown by the fact that among those who remained to the end were as many as the retired lists as in active service.

It was easy to spot the West Point men when the dancing began, well toward 11:30 o'clock. It is impossible to go through West Point without learning the terpsichorean art.

## Notable Throng There.

The East Room was filled with an assemblage when the Presidential party came down stairs and went to the Blue Room. The guests were prompt in arriving and were ready to be received when the party took their places. Mrs. Taft was present for a time. She came down stairs with the President and shook hands with scores of guests before she became tired and dropped off the line. She sat for a time in the Blue Room and then went quietly up stairs almost before any one knew she had left. She was becomingly gowned in light blue satin with rich lace, pearl collar, diamond necklace, and diamonds in her hair. She carried a bunch of orchids. It was a matter of some disappointment that Miss Wilson, daughter of the Secretary of Agriculture, was not in line.

Mrs. Sherman, wife of the Vice President, wore her inaugural ball gown of heavy pearl white satin, brocaded in a pattern of gold and red, the bodice elaborately embroidered and incriminated with pearls. She wore handsome pearls and diamonds about her neck and in her hair, and carried a large bunch of pink carnations, of which the Vice President was the custodian after the receiving line broke up.

## Holds Own Court.

In the Blue Room were members of the families of the President and Cabinet officials and their house guests. The Vice President and members of the Cabinet were in this party, save when they took little turns through the other apartments. The Vice President held a little court of his own in the East Room and in the corridor during the receiving of the guests.

Immediately after the last guest had been greeted the ladies of the receiving line took comfortable seats in the Blue Room, and the President, accompanied by several of his aids, passed to the state dining-room.

His partook of the supper surrounded with friends, and amid gay laughter and good cheer. The President invariably drank cold water, while the majority took punch. In his little supper party were Representative and Mrs. Longworth, for a time, and Gen. and Mrs. Edwards. The President did not make much of a tour through the corridor and the East Room, owing to the large company which crowded these places all the evening.

## Many Beautiful Costumes.

There were many beautiful costumes, the women trying apparently to leave the gayest impression possible. Mrs. MacVeagh, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, wore a handsome costume of white satin with gold brocade, with superb pearls and diamonds; Mrs. Dickinson, wife of the Secretary of War, gray satin in draped princess fashion, trimmed with hands of ermine and some steel trimmings, with diamond necklace and tarsi; Mrs. Wickham, white lace embroidered delicately in black, with pearl ornaments; Mrs. Meyer, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, French blue satin, with pearls, and

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## Sustains Broken Leg.

Joseph Evans, who lives at Thirty-seventh street and Wisconsin avenue northwest, was thrown from his horse yesterday morning and sustained a broken leg. He was taken to Georgetown University Hospital.

## Furs for Everybody.

Sale of ladies' and gentlemen's furs in all the fashionable skins and shapes, at Sloan's, 747 G st., to-day at 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. Also auto robes, animal rugs, &c.

## INSURGENT No. 8.

HON. CHARLES R. DAVIS.  
Minnesota who claims distinction of being the original "rebel."RECORD AT NOME  
IS SEVENTY BELOWFour Perish on Valdez Trail  
in Bitterest Weather.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 8.—Three Nome merchants, just arrived in Seattle, having traveled from Nome to Fairbanks and Valdez on snow shoes and by stage, report that the winter in the North is the most severe ever known. They left Nome December 7, and encountered continuous bad weather and temperature often 70 degrees below zero.

On the Valdez trail they reached Miller's roadhouse just before the height of the storm, and on entering the house found four persons frozen to death.

After a brief respite, the blizzard is raging again, according to cable advices. The Copper River Railroad has been tied up.

QUININE IS HAILED  
AS AN ANAESTHETICArkansas Physician Finds It  
Has Remarkable Power.

Kansas City, Feb. 8.—Out of the fever infected jungles of the backwoods of Arkansas has come a medical discovery that may revolutionize surgical practice. An anaesthetic which the faculty of the University of Kansas Medical College declares is superior to any other in medical knowledge, one which throws stupefaction into the class of short-lived sensations, and which they insist will eliminate cocaine from use as a local anaesthetic is the gift to the world of Dr. Henry Thibault, of Scott, Ark.

This new anaesthetic is quinine, common quinine, which has been used for years as an internal medicine, but which was never known until recently as a pain killer.

VOLCANO IN COSTA RICA  
ACTIVE; LIVES ARE LOST

Port Limon, Costa Rica, Feb. 8.—Thousands of villagers at the foot of Poas, a volcano, long dormant, but now in the most active eruption in history, belching forth molten lava, ashes, and immense rocks, are fleeing for their lives.

The streams of lava are flowing through the fertile valleys and destroying towns and plantations on every side. Rocks weighing 200 pounds have been hurled a distance of two miles from the crater of the volcano, and villages within the zone reaching almost to the capital, San Jose, have been deserted by the panic-stricken residents.

There has been loss of life on the plantations nearest the peak, but the extent is not yet known.

In the town of Lalechera, five kilometers from the foot of the volcano, rocks weighing a hundred pounds crashed through residences. In Cobadilla some of the streets are filled with ashes to the house-tops.

## KILLS TWO AND DIES.

Frenzied Husband's Tragedy Follows  
a Family Quarrel.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 8.—Lyman Bolton shot to death his wife's parents to-day, stabbed his wife, and then shot her, perhaps fatally, after which he took his own life. The tragedy occurred at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Larimore in the little town of Sunbury, just north of this city.

Bolton and his wife have been separated, and the husband called at her parents' home, where she had been stopping. A violent quarrel ensued, and Bolton shot at his wife. Her father rushed to the rescue, and Bolton shot and killed him. Mrs. Larimore followed her husband, and she too dropped dead with a bullet in her head. Mr. Larimore was a civil war veteran.

Mrs. Bolton was brought to the Protestant Hospital here. Her hands are literally cut to shreds, and she has two bullet holes in her head. The surgeons have little hope of saving her life.

The shooting was witnessed by the two young children of the Boltons.

## OHIO REPUBLICANS SURPRISED.

Cincinnati, Feb. 8.—Members of the Republican State executive committee were surprised by the news that President Taft would send Wade M. Ellis, a Cincinnati man, to Ohio to take charge of the Republican campaign.

The State chairmanship was given to Ellis without notice to local men. Politicians and State committeemen generally to-day admitted the move was sudden, and that they had not been notified. County Clerk P. W. Durr, with Frederick Baker, represents Cincinnati on the Republican executive committee. "The news comes as a surprise to me," said Durr to-day. "There has been no meeting of the committee, no caucus, nor even a canvass."

Even George B. Cox, Republican boss, did not know about it. To-day he said that all he knew of the appointment was, "I saw it in the newspapers."

The selection of Ellis is particularly pleasing to ex-Mayor Fleischmann. "The appointment is excellent and most opportune. There is no man in the State who is better informed on conditions," he said.

## CONFER WITH TRAINMEN.

Baltimore and Ohio Officials Discuss  
Wage Increase.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Baltimore, Md., Feb. 8.—A conference between operating officials of the Baltimore and Ohio and the committees of the conductors and trainmen on the wage increase question convened at 11 o'clock this morning. There were morning and afternoon sessions.

The conference will be resumed to-morrow at 11 o'clock, and it is probable that it will be several days before it concludes.

NATIONS WILL RACE  
TO THE SOUTH POLEProwess of Peary Against Tact of Shackleton  
in Fight to Conquer Antarctica.

## SOUTH POLE SEARCH.

The National Geographic Society believes that it is of great importance to science that tidal, magnetic, and meteorological observations shall be obtained at or in the vicinity of Goats Island during the same period that the British expedition under Capt. Robert F. Scott, R. N., is making similar observations on the other side of the antarctic area, 1,800 miles distant, and that at the same time this recently discovered land shall be explored; that the society is ready to accept Mr. Peary's proposition that it shall undertake jointly with the Peary Arctic Club an expedition to the antarctic regions, as outlined above, provided that the board of managers, after consultation with the members of the society, find that the project will receive sufficient financial assistance to warrant the undertaking.

## WINS \$1,000 BET.

Promoter Coffroth Reaches Frisco  
with Time to Spare.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 8.—Landing in San Francisco exactly at 9:25 to-night, James W. Coffroth, the San Francisco promoter, not only won his bet of \$1,000 from Eugene Corri, of London, as well as the smaller bets that he made at the same time, but established a record for travel from London to San Francisco.

He left London at 12:30 noon of January 29, and reaching San Francisco, when he did, the promoter made the distance in nine days, six hours, and fifty-five minutes. He had two hours and thirty-five minutes to spare when the ferryboat touched its slip in San Francisco and he peered up at the ferry building clock, but for all that there had been plenty of excitement even up to the last moment.

## LOST IN SPECULATION.

Thousands of Dollars Taken from  
Bank by Former Treasurer.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 8.—John A. Hall, former treasurer of the Southbridge Savings Bank, has made a complete confession of his defalcations from that institution. His story was related in the jail here, where he is confined in default of \$200,000 bail, after the revelation of a shortage in his accounts of \$24,442. He said:

"My financial downfall dates from an investment which I made with a relative in Boston real estate many years ago. By this investment we made \$40,000. After this, when other investments offered, we took them up and then developed a losing streak."

"I patronized Boston and New York brokerage houses, losing many times where I thought profit was certain. Little sums were taken at first from the bank to finance fresh investments in the hope of retrieving previous losses. Then the losses became more serious and larger sums were taken, and the books so manipulated that the defalcation would not appear without an expert examination of my accounts."

## FLEET LEAVES HONOLULU.

The Tennessee and Washington Go  
to Bremerton Navy Yard.

Honolulu, Feb. 8.—The flagship California, with Rear Admiral Giles B. Harbord's pennant flying, sailed from here to-day with seven other cruisers, comprising the Pacific fleet, for the Pacific coast. The Tennessee, formerly flagship of Admiral Stribble, and the Washington go direct to Bremerton Navy Yard to be overhauled. The California, South Dakota, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Maryland will go direct to San Francisco, arriving next Tuesday. After a few days' shore leave, the fleet will sail for Magdalena Bay for target practice.

## MISSISSIPPI IS DEFIANT.

Unless Statute of Davis Is Accepted  
Niche Will Be Vacant.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 8.—Senator Anderson introduced a concurrent resolution in the senate to-day calling attention to the fact that some persons in the North who do not know the war is over have protested against placing the statue of Gen. Lee in the Hall of Fame, and serving notice that Mississippi is going to offer one of Jefferson Davis, expecting similar objections.

The resolution declares that Mississippi has laid aside its sectional feeling, and would let the dead past bury its dead, and pledges the State to forever let the niche representing Mississippi remain vacant unless the statue of Mr. Davis is accepted.

The resolution was referred to the committee on Federal relations.

## Switches from Wet to Dry.

Indianapolis, Feb. 8.—Wayne County, the first in the State to vote "wet" under the local option law, nominated a "dry" candidate for the legislature over Walter S. Ratcliff, who voted for the repeal of the local option law. Lee J. Reynolds, the "dry" candidate, won over Ratcliff by a majority of 1,400. The nomination pledges the Republican party of Wayne County to make the fight for local option.

North Pole Crew and Ship  
to Be Chartered by  
Scientific Clubs.Geographic Society Acts Upon  
Offer, and Announces Plans.  
Public to Aid—Start to Be  
Made in Midsummer.

After a session of two hours' duration behind locked doors, the board of managers of the National Geographic Society yesterday afternoon decided that the United States shall race England to the south pole.

The Roosevelt, offered by Commander Peary in a joint expedition of the National Geographic Society and the Peary Arctic Club, was accepted. A public movement to raise \$50,000 to help nail the American flag at the other end of the world will be inaugurated. The vessel which took Peary to the north pole, manned by the same crew, with the exception of the discoverer himself, will leave New York in midsummer, according to the plans.

## WILL START ON EITHER SIDE.

With Coats Land as a base, the expedition will cross the great ice barrier of the antarctic in September, pushing South through an undiscovered waste of glacial mountains over a new route. At the same time, a party promoted by Lieut. Shackleton, will carry the British flag toward the goal from the opposite side of the polar continent.

With the world watching breathlessly, the rival parties will close in toward the pole, each with the knowledge that the other is striving to reach the final prize in the realm of discovery. That one or both of the expeditions will surmount the obstacles and get to the bottom of the earth was conceded by every scientist at yesterday's session. Neither can fail utterly, as both will add much to scientific knowledge, even if they cannot plant a flag pole where the meridians cross.

## Penetrate Its Feasibility.

The learned members of the Geographic Society went deep into the technical part of the proposed expedition yesterday afternoon. They met at 4:45 o'clock at Hubbard Memorial Hall, the home of the society, President Henry Gannett presiding, and adjourned at 6:45 o'clock. Studying Commander Peary's suggestion that the Roosevelt be sent to the south pole from every angle, they poured over atlases and maps and globes. When President Gannett offered the resolution accepting Peary's offer it was adopted unanimously and with enthusiasm.

The press were not admitted to the conference, and the statement given out was meager, but it was stated that there would be no appeal from the decision of the board, growing from the members of the Geographic Society are willing to contribute and the public responds. There will be no outright demand for public subscriptions, but donations of any amount will not be refused. There was little doubt in the minds of the scientists that there will be difficulty in raising the required amount before the expedition is ready.

## Bartlett to Be a Leader.

Capt. Bartlett, the Newfoundland ship's master, who commanded the Roosevelt, and was Peary's right hand man in the conquest of the north pole, probably will be at the head of the party. Capt. McMillen, George Borup, and Mat Hanson will be his lieutenants. As far as possible, the old crew of the Roosevelt will be mustered in again.

The equipment of the vessel is as well adapted to conditions in the antarctic as in the far north, though she will have to be thoroughly overhauled and restocked. The same sleds, twenty of them, and the same dogs that took Peary over the last stages of his dash for the north pole will be used by the southern expedition. They stood the arctic trip well, and it is believed they could not be improved upon to cross the icy barriers to the south pole. Even the furs and sleeping bags that Peary's men used will go into commission again.

The problem of raising the money needed was left to the finance committee of the board, Charles J. Bell, chairman. If each of the 6,000 members of the Geographic Society contribute \$1, the amount can be raised without calling upon the public, but it is believed that there are many who will make voluntary contributions to swell the snows of exploration. Chairman Bell made a full report of the finances of the society, showing that it would be practically impossible for the stipulated sum to be drawn from the treasury, as the surplus is needed for actual necessities of the organization, including long contemplated additions to Hubbard Hall.

## His Suggestion Taken Seriously.

When Commander Peary suggested an antarctic exploring party and offered the Roosevelt, during an address at a dinner given by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell on February 1, few took the proposal seriously. But many members of the Geographic Society took kindly to the suggestion, and President Gannett called a special meeting of the managers yesterday to go over the ground. It had been expected final action would be postponed, but the board stood unanimously for the plan.

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Choice Blooms at Blackstone's prices always reasonable. 14th and E.